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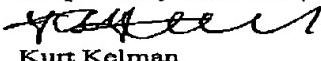
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a response to the Office action dated December 3, 2002. Please confirm receipt.

Respectfully submitted,



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RESPONSE

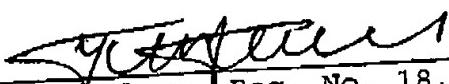
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Sir:

In response to the Office letter of December 3, 2002,
 applicant elects Species II (claims 126-143) for prosecution in
 this application. The right to file a divisional application
 covering claims to Species I is reserved.

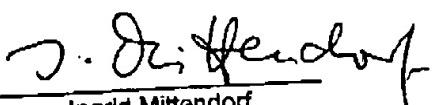
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